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1. MOBILE STATION OPERATION AT KARAJ SITE FEASIBLE. JAZAYERI OF THE REMOTE SENSING DIVISION (RSD), PLAN AND BUDGET ORGANIZATION, EXPECTS NO PROBLEM WITH LAND TRANSFER FROM MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. RSD HAS SURVEYED ALL SITES IN TEHRAN AREA AVAILABLE FOR THEIR USE. DOUBTFUL THAT NECESSARY APPROVALS COULD BE OBTAINED ON TIMELY BASIS FOR NASA SURVEYS IN THESE AREAS AND WOULD BE REPETITIOUS. ASSUMING LOCKHEET EMI SURVEY RESULTS ACCEPTABLE, KARAJ SITE PROBABLY AS GOOD AS ANY OTHER IN AREA AND CERTAINLY MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO NASA.

2. THE SITE IS 20 KM WEST OF KARAJ AND 67 KM FROM THE AIRPORT ON THE WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF TEHRAN. THE TEHRAN-KARAJ HIGHWAY IS A DUAL LANE LIMITED ACCESS. FIFTEEN KM FROM KARAJ TO APPROXIMATELY 4 KM FROM SITE, THE ROAD IS PAVED TWO LANE. THE LAST 4 KM IS DIRT BUT READILY PASSABLE AT THIS TIME. SOME IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED WHEN CONSTRUCTION OF RSD STATION BEGINS. THE TOTAL RSD TRACT IS 300 M BY 1000 M RUNNING NORTHWEST TO

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SOUTHEAST. THERE ARE LOW HILLS ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY.

NO MASKING PROBLEM. DUST WILL BE TROUBLESOME BUT SOIL STABILIZERS ARE AVAILABLE AND AN AIR LOCK ARRANGEMENT CAN BE DONE AFTER STATION ARRIVES. NO WATER PRESENTLY AVAILABLE AT SITE BUT RSD PLAN TO DRILL DEEP WELL. NO LAND SURVEY HAS BEEN CONDUCTED. APPROXIMATE LOCATION IS 35 DEGREES 46.5 MINUTES N, 50 DEGREES 47.0 MINUTES E. ALL NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION AND LOCAL LOGISTICS SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE EITHER IN KARAJ OR TEHRAN. PERSONNEL HOUSING IS AVAILABLE IN EITHER CITY.

3. RSD RECOMMENDS NASA TEAM NOT PERFORM EMI SURVEY AT THIS TIME SINCE LAND HAS NOT BEEN TRANSFERRED. IF NASA SATISFIED WITH LOCKHEED SURVEY, TEAM WILL NOT PLAN SURVEY, OTHERWISE MUST WAIT UNTIL LAND TRANSFER COMPLETED.

4. RSD HAS ASKED GE TO PRESENT A DETAILED CONSTRUCTION AND STATION IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. JAZAYERI HOPES TO HAVE THIS MEETING ON 19 OR 20 APRIL AND SAYS THAT FOLLOWING THAT MEETING AND NO LATER THAN 1 MAY, RSD WILL TELL NASA WHAT PART OF THE TRACT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR NASA USE.

5. SINCE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ASKED THAT NASA TEAM NOT CONTACT OTHER MINISTRIES UNTIL IT HAS COMPLETED ITS COORDINATION OF THE AGREEMENT TEXT, NASA TEAM HAS BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN DETAILS ON COMMUNICATIONS AND CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS.

6. COMMERCIAL TELEX FACILITIES TERMINATE IN KARAJ. EXTENDING TTY SERVICE TO STATION SITE WOULD INVOLVE SUBSTANTIAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS. UNTIL RSD PLANS AND SCHEDULE FOR THEIR COMMUNICATIONS ARE FIRM, TEAM RECOMMENDS USE OF COMMERCIAL TELEX.

7. REZA GHOTBI, ACTING CHIEF OF THE RSD AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL IRANIAN TV AND RADIO ORGANIZATION, IS EXPECTED TO RETURN FROM ENGLAND IN APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK. TEAM WILL MAKE NO CONTACT WITH IRANIAN CUSTOMS UNTIL GHOTBI RETURNS AND APPLIES HIS INFLUENCE TO THE CUSTOMS PROBLEM.

8. TEAM ATTEMPTING TO DEPART FOR KARACHI 12 APRIL TO CONDUCT SURVEY IN ISLAMABAD AREA AND RETURN TO TEHRAN IN TIME FOR MEETING WITH GHOTBI.

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9. PROPOSED TEXT OF LETTER OF AGREEMENT (REFTEL) DELIVERED TO RSD AND FOREIGN OFFICE 11 APRIL.
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